

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE: SUMANA SURESH, M.D.  
License No.: 0101-237866

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") and Sumana Suresh, M.D., as evidenced by their signatures affixed below, agree to enter into this Consent Order affecting the license of Dr. Suresh to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board adopts the following findings and conclusions in this matter:

1. Dr. Suresh was issued license number 0101-237866 by the Board to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia on March 16, 2005. Said license is currently active and will expire on July 31, 2012, unless renewed or otherwise restricted.
2. Dr. Suresh regularly prescribed Lithobid to Patient A from September 2006 until Dr. Suresh terminated the patient/doctor relationship in June 2010.
3. Dr. Suresh's records for Patient A include two sets of laboratory reports (dated February 1, 2008 and May 11, 2010) from testing ordered by Patient A's primary care physician showing Patient A's serum lithium levels to be within normal limits and high, respectively.
4. Dr. Suresh violated Sections 54.1-2915.A(3), (13) and (16) of the Code in that she failed to order or perform any laboratory testing to determine Patient A's serum lithium level even after Patient A reported on July 8, 2009 that she was suffering severe muscle

twitching that made writing difficult and when, by Dr. Suresh's own admission, she knew Patient A had been experiencing symptoms including diarrhea, stomach upset, memory problems, and shaking.

5. On or about May 11, 2010, Patient A presented to her primary care physician, who diagnosed lithium toxicity.

### CONSENT

I, Sumana Suresh, M.D., by affixing my signature hereto, acknowledge that:

1. I have been advised specifically to seek the advice of counsel prior to signing this document.

2. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me, except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000.A et seq. of the Code of Virginia;

3. I have the following rights, among others:

- a. the right to an informal conference before the Board;
- b. the right to appear in person or by counsel, or other qualified representative before the agency; and

4. I waive all rights to an informal conference;

5. I admit the truth of the above Findings of Fact; and

6. I consent to the following Order affecting my license to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and with the consent of the licensee, it is hereby ORDERED that Sumana Suresh, M.D. be, and hereby is, issued a REPRIMAND.

It is further ORDERED that Dr. Suresh's license shall be subject to the following TERMS and CONDITIONS:

1. Within six (6) months of the entry of this Order, Dr. Suresh shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board verifying that she has completed at least five (5) hours of continuing medical education ("CME") on the subject of indications, effects, complications and monitoring of lithium compounds.

2. Upon completion of Term No. 1, the Committee authorizes the Executive Director of the Board to close this matter without further action or, in his discretion, to refer this matter to a Special Conference Committee for its review and consideration.

Violation of this Consent Order shall constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation of the license of Dr. Suresh. In the event Dr. Suresh violates any of the terms and conditions of this Consent Order, an administrative hearing may be convened to determine whether such action is warranted.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Consent Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

FOR THE BOARD:

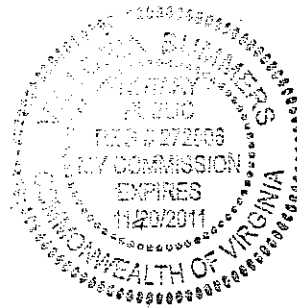
*for* *William L. Harp*  
William L. Harp, M.D.  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Medicine

ENTERED: 1/7/2011

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

*Sumana Suresh*  
Sumana Suresh, M.D.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
COUNTY/CITY OF Fredericksburg TO WIT:



Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, at large, this 5th day of January, 2011, by Sumana Suresh, M.D.

*Victoria Summers*  
Notary Public

Registration Number: 272506

My commission expires: 11/30/2011